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Grace F. Napolitano Congress of the United States House of Representatives 32nd District of California

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Azusa Teen and Family Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Azusa, CA, located at 213 E Foothill Blvd, **Azusa CA 91702.** 

The funding would be used to provide counseling, job training, and social services in Azusa as a part of the Azusa Teen and Family Center. This is an extension of All in for Azusa, which is a community driven initiative, that works to create deeper, meaningful and more impactful collaboration across sectors and organizations citywide and regionally. The goal of the Azusa Teen and Family Center is to create improved emotional wellbeing for youth and their families. We understand that to be successful, we must serve the whole individual, the whole family and the whole community. The diverse group of service providers at the Center includes the City of Azusa, Community Resources Department; the YWCA of San Gabriel Valley; the Azusa Pacific University Community Counseling Center; the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; and Unite Us.

This comprehensive center would be a first in Azusa and would include social and mental health services, job readiness and leadership programs, as well as recreational activities. These services would be integrated as a "hub" at Memorial Park, in the center of the City, with mobile services to other school and park sites. This project would enable us to better support the emotional wellbeing of our community, which has been tremendously impacted by the pandemic. These support programs would help to prevent and treat mental health disorders. They would also ensure the early detection of risk and trauma, and provide the necessary supports for individuals and families to be well and thrive. These requested funds would create a sustainable system of care in Azusa by integrating the programs of our innovative service providers, through deep collaboration and technology.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Sincerely,

> Grace F. Napolitano Member of Congress

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